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Teri Rennia, City Council President
Angela Holmes, City Clerk

MINUTES PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE City Council Work Room, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton Wednesday April 9, 2014

Called to Order. Called to order by Planning and Community Development Committee Chair Webb at 6:15pm.

Council Members Present: Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko (Committee Member), Teri Rennia, Lea Webb (Committee Chair), Chris Papastrat, John Matzo, Bill Berg (Committee Member)

Council Members Absent: None

Also Present: William Barber, Director of Parks and Recreation; Melissa Enoch, Sustainable Development Planner; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jennifer Taylor, Acting Director of Planning, Housing and Community Development

ITEMS CONSIDERED

Discussion. The Planning and Community Development Committee met with representatives from various City Hall departments to review the proposed Comprehensive Plan, including both previously reviewed chapters and Chapter E, entitled "Environment & Open Space".

Chapter E, "Environment & Open Space". The questions, items of concern or other matters identified in Chapter E which require further review at the Joint Sessions are as follows:

- 1.1. Who is responsible for providing recycling bins? Contact Gary Holmes and Broome County to determine if the City is able to obtain additional recycling bins, and to provide City Council with a copy of the contract.
- 2.2. City Council to review the role of the Shade Tree Commission as set forth in the Code of Ordinances, and amend if necessary. Shade Tree Commission to review existing list of allowable tree species, and amend if necessary.
- 3.1. Amend recommendation to include exploring creative ideas to maintain the Riverwalk, such as an "adopt a garbage can" program, an "adopt a mile" program, hiring high school students on a part-time basis throughout the school year, and creating a youth cleaning program with CDBG funds. In addition, consider updating the City website to make information about clean-ups more accessible.
- 3.4. Are any grants available to assist with the acquisition of easements along waterfront properties?
- 4.3. Department of Parks and Recreation will contact judges, Department of Probation, and local service agencies to discuss funding and work oversight.

Columbus Park. William Barber noted for the record that due to the installation of a spray park at Columbus Park, the Department of Parks and Recreation does not intend to operate the pool at Columbus Park. Councilwoman Webb stated that a notice of this pool closure will need to be distributed to residents.

Recycled Clothing. Mr. Barber stated that he is exploring a potential partnership with Les Platt, who owns clothing recycling bins in various locations in the City. The sale of the recycled clothing may provide an additional revenue source for the Department of Parks and Recreation, should the City place bins in City parks.



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Chapter C, "Transportation". Councilman Berg revisited Chapter C, originally discussed at the Planning Committee Meeting held on April 2, 2014, and recommended the following:

- 4.3. Amend recommendation, removing the last sentence, "Additionally, businesses should be encouraged to schedule truck deliveries outside of typical business hours".

Mayoral comments. Council members inquired when they might receive Mayor Richard C. David's comments on the Comprehensive Plan and associated documents. Jennifer Taylor stated that she would contact the Mayor, as the Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development had not received any mayoral comments to-date.

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 7:06pm.

Moved by Mihalko, seconded by Papastrat.

Voice vote, none opposed.